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REMARKS

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1. On 10 July 1953, only three trucks were parked in the yard of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in St. Pölten (O 49/W 88). The garage used for ponton carriers was closed. About 16 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets piled round lumber. Maintenance work was done on 16 trucks, 2 tank trucks and 2 jeeps in front of the garages in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne. About 20 EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were engaged in athletics in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. No motor vehicles were parked in the barracks yard. The barrier in front of the installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets.

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Five artillery pieces, 1 field kitchen and 6 trucks were seen in the garages west of the former Kreisgericht. About 14 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets did maintenance work on the motor vehicles. The installation and the fuel dump west of the garage were guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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Officers observed at the officers' mess at noon included: 3 colonels, 3 lieutenant colonels and 6 majors, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 2 colonels, 3 lieutenant colonels, and 5 majors, all with black-bordered red epaulets.¹

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All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Sixteen trucks and 3 weapon carriers, but no weapons, were observed at the installation which was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets.¹

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- 25X1C 3. On 7 July, driving school with 12 trucks was observed at Fasangarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf. Eight propped-up trucks were seen at the installation. Fresh imprints of track-laying vehicles led from the Fasangarten Kaserne to the Mannersdorf (P 48/X 66) railroad station where a T-34 tank and an SU-249 were entrained. About 15 EM with red-bordered black epaulets were hauled by trucks [] to the Mannersdorf railroad station and unloaded three railroad cars with round lumber. ²
- 25X1C 4. []
5. On 7 July, a Soviet supply depot was observed 1 or 2 kilometers north-northeast from Berg (P 49/X 98). Thirteen low brick buildings, each about 30 meters long and 10 meters wide, were located just west of the road from the town to the Berg railroad station. They apparently were used as warehouses. Some low wooden buildings used as troop quarters were north of the brick buildings while an undetermined number of bunker-like installations, nearly at ground level, were situated toward west. Earth was transported on a trailer towed by a prime mover to the bunkers and unloaded by soldiers. A red-painted fire brigade vehicle was standing in the same area. A group of 30 to 50 soldiers received infantry training in the northern section of the installation. No vehicle traffic was observed during one hour. ⁴
- 25X1 1. []
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. The T-34 tank and the SU-249 possibly belonged to the 55th Tank Tng Bn carried at the Fasangarten Kaserne in Goetzendorf. It is believed that the driving school was conducted by a training detail of the battalion at the Fasangarten Kaserne while other contingents of the battalion were still stationed at a summer camp. []
- 25X1 3. []
- 25X1C 4. [] Comment. The supply depot observed near Berg is reported for the first time.
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